

Keeping of Chickens

for Single-Family Homes

Permits

Chicken Permit: is required prior to having chickens and shall be re-applied for every two years.

A one time permit fee is **\$100**.

Evidence of completion of a chicken keeping course from the University of Minnesota or equivalent is required.

Number of Hens:

A Maximum of **6 Hens are allowed** in the RSF-1, RSF-2, RSF-3 & SF-PUD's.

No Roosters allowed.

All hens kept in the City shall be entirely confined in a run, coop, building, or other enclosure at all times unless supervised.

Definitions:

A **Coop and Attached Run:**

An accessory structure for the keeping or housing of chickens with a fully enclosed and covered area attached to a coop where the chickens can roam unsupervised.

Coop and attached Run Requirements

A **Coop and Attached Run** shall not exceed **120 square feet**.

The **height** of a **Coop and Attached Run** is measured from the lowest point of grade for that portion of the lot covered by the building to the highest point of the roof for flat roofs, to the roof deck line of mansard roofs, and to the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip, and gambrel roofs. The **maximum height** is **10 feet**.

Coop and Attached Run shall be **setback 20 feet** from the property line.

Must be located in the rear yard.

Cannot be placed within a drainage or utility easement or wetland, wetland buffer or wetland structure setback area.



Maintenance

All coops and runs shall be thoroughly cleaned at least once every week and all refuse shall be disposed of in a clean and sanitary fashion

Maximum Number of Detached Accessory Structures

No more than **two Detached Accessory Buildings** are allowed per property.

No more than **one Detached Accessory Building** that contains over 200 square feet is allowed per property.

Educational Resources:

University of Minnesota Extension Service – email marti067@umn.edu

Online Chicken Course:

[Backyard Urban Chicken Class – University of Florida: IFAS Extension](#)

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**KEEPING OF CHICKENS
PERMIT APPLICATION
For Single Family Homes
(RSF-1, RSF-2, RSF-3, SF-PUD)**

Please submit the following information to the Community Development Department:

1. A completed keeping of chickens permit application.
2. A side view drawing of the proposed coop and attached run, including construction materials and proposed height of the coop and attached run from ground level.
3. A drawing of the proposed coop and attached run location on a survey or a scaled site plan.
4. Evidence of completion of a chicken keeping course.
5. \$100 fee paid.

Property Owner Name: _____

Street Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Zoning District: _____

Coop and Attached Run Height: _____ **Size:** _____

Picture or sketch attached of proposed coop and attached run? Yes _____ No _____

Have the corner monuments been found and the property lines been defined? Yes _____ No _____

Has evidence of completion of a chicken keeping course from the University of Minnesota or other comparable institution been provided? Yes _____ No _____

Is the coop and attached run proposed to be within a wetland or wetland buffer, cross over a required rain garden, or extend below the ordinary high water level of a lake, stream or pond? Yes _____ No _____

Note 1: Some properties in the city are governed by homeowner association covenants/bylaws that require approval for certain property improvements. Please check to see whether this may apply to you.

Note 2: The coop and attached run must be installed within 180 days from issuance of a chicken permit.

Note 3: The chicken permit must be re-applied for every two-years (no fee for reapplication)

Note 4: If selling eggs etc. a home occupations license and any Stat of MN requirements apply.

I acknowledge that the above information is correct, and that I will ensure that the coop and attached run is constructed and installed in accordance with the approved plans submitted and the regulations set forth in the City of Plymouth City Code and Zoning Ordinance.

Applicant's Signature

FOR CITY USE ONLY

☐ This keeping of chickens, coop and attached run permit has been **APPROVED** subject to the following:
1) _____

☐ This keeping of chickens, coop and attached run has been **DENIED** for the following reasons:
1) _____

Community Development

Date